

**Faculty Senate Minutes  
December 2, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm; Riggle Room; ADUC.

Senators Absent: Verdie Craig, Barbara Lyons, Manuel Probst, Brent Rogers, Pam Ryan, Rodney Stanley

Visitors: Dr. Karla Hughes, Dr. Charlie Patrick, Rebecca McGinnis

Minutes: Senator McCoy moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2010 as submitted. Senator Lennex seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

Academic Issues: Will present UAR 131.01 – Excused Absence Policy for second reading

Evaluation: Will have a brief report

Faculty Welfare and Concerns: Continuing to incorporate suggestions into PAc 27, comments can be submitted on PAc 27 until next week; 3 PAc's will be brought to Senate on January 20, 2011

Governance: No Report

Senate Committee on Issues: No Report

**Reports:**

Chair's Report:

Executive Council met on November 30<sup>th</sup> in Allie Young room 17. The official moving of the Senate office to room 17 will take place after January 1, 2011.

Chair McCormick and Senator Berglee spoke during the Open Chair Segment. They both thanked the Senators for their hard work on Standing and Senate Committees. Chair McCormick appreciates the Senators for their service and commitment to the Senate.

Provost's Report:

- There will be one graduation ceremony on December 18<sup>th</sup> for all colleges.
- Convocation for January will focus on SACS and their visit during the spring semester.
- Charlie Patrick reported on the SACS activity. He indicated that MSU has been providing the SACS team with requested data. The SACS team will be on campus March 28-30, 2011.
- A QEP report will be available to the faculty late December or early January. The QEP report will focus on critical thinking issues on campus. Faculty will be asked to provide input on the QEP report during January.
- President's Leadership Council is continuing to work on the enrollment plan and processes.
- Retention Alert is being handled by Michelle Barber in University College.
- President Andrews and Provost Hughes will be visiting the various Colleges on campus and non-instructional units in Academic Affairs during the spring semester to communicate with faculty and staff.

Dr. Hughes and Dr. Patrick answered questions from Senators.

Regent's Report: Board of Regents will meet on December 9, 2010.

General Education Report: The Gen Ed Council will continue to accept proposals for First-Year Seminars until February 24, 2011.

Teacher Education Council: Senator Sharp provided a brief report from the TEC regarding the College of Educations data management system. A public forum will be held on Monday December 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm in Ginger Hall 112. Additional forums will be held during the spring semester.

**Senate Actions:**

**Academic Issues:**

UAR 131.01 – Excused Absence Policy was presented for a second reading. Senator Hypes, Chair of the committee, provided a clarification for lines 43 thru 46. After discussion, Senator Berglee moved to change lines 43 thru 46 to read: “The MSU faculty/staff member sponsoring the activity is charged with the implementation and enforcement of department/unit procedures regarding excused absence notification.” Senator LaFleur seconded the motion. Motion passed. After discussion of lines 69 and 70, Senator Hypes accepted a friendly amendment to delete the sentence, “Requests under this category are submitted to the Assistant Vice President/Dean of Students.” Senator LaFleur called the question. The Faculty Senate voted to recommend UAR 131.01 – Excused Absence Policy to the President, as revised today.

**Evaluation:**

The Evaluation Committee will forward the Senate members an administration evaluation form that the committee has been working on. Senator LaFleur asked the Senators to review the form and provide input.

The Evaluation Committee is also looking at forms for evaluation of faculty teaching by their students. A work group of faculty and administrators recommended using the form “SIR II”. The committee just recently received a copy of SIR II and has not been able to review it. The Evaluation committee informally recommended that IDEA be used for the spring semester for tenure track faculty and departmental forms for tenured faculty.

The SIR II form will be reviewed prior to bringing before the full Senate. Senator LaFleur requested that all Senators send a copy of their departmental faculty evaluation instrument to the committee for review.

**Faculty Welfare and Concerns:**

PAC 7 (FEPs), PAC 29 (Faculty Workload), and PAC 27 (Tenure Review) will be brought to the Senate floor at the January meeting.

**Announcement:**

The Library has iPads to check out.

Next Senate meeting will be January 20, 2011

Adjournment: 5:20 pm